

	Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center Policy Manual		Policy Number	501
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	Fall Risk Policy			

PURPOSE:

To ensure appropriate medical and multi-disciplinary assessment of falls and fall risk factors. To coordinate management of acute and recurrent falls and to provide measures to help prevent falls.

POLICY:

Manage acute falls, recurrent falls, fall-related injuries, and fall risk factors in collaboration with the Medical and Multi-Disciplinary Team.

PROCEDURE:

1. On admission, the admitting RN will complete the Fall Risk Assessment (Attachment #1) to ascertain if the resident is at risk for falls.
2. The Fall Risk Assessment should be performed on a quarterly basis and/or if there has been a significant overall change in the resident.
3. Falls should be addressed with weekly charting and Fall Risk Assessment updated as appropriate. After notification of acute fall or injury, the RN will perform an assessment prior to the resident being moved to ascertain if there has been an injury, if allowed by the resident. Any necessary treatment will be performed at that time. An Accident/Incident form is to be completed with identification of any underlying causative conditions noted.
4. Upon review of the Accident/Injury form by the Multi-Disciplinary team, measures will be determined to reduce the risk of future falls or injuries.